

## ***Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management***

### **Recent Action Items Related to the Central Landfill**

- On November 22, 1999, DEM approved RIRRC's request to use crushed brick from construction and demolition projects as a substitute for crushed stone in the landfill gas collection trench being constructed on the top of the landfill.
- On November 22, 1999, DEM conducted an after-hours inspection of the landfill. Major issues found during this inspection were the surface stockpiling of waste generated from drilling landfill gas collection wells and inadequate cover.
- On November 24, 1999, DEM issued RIRRC a Notice of Intent to Enforce regarding unauthorized alteration of wetlands in the buffer zone near Apple Tree Lane. Restoration work is required to be completed by December 15, 1999.
- On December 2, 1999, DEM ordered RIRRC to immediately cease acceptance of auto shredder residue (ASR or auto fluff) based on the fact that lead levels found by RIRRC's sampling were above the acceptable criteria for acceptance at the facility.
- On December 7, 1999, DEM issued a letter to RIRRC outlining the conditions observed at the facility by our consultant, Fuss and O'Neill. Concerns were raised regarding inadequate cover, stockpile of waste on the surface, open trenches at the end of the work day, on-site odors, need for additional erosion controls, leachate breakouts and litter.
- On December 7, 1999, DEM tasked Fuss and O'Neill to do an independent evaluation of the amount of gas being generated at the Central Landfill.
- On December 10, 1999 DEM established a new section on its web site for information related to Central Landfill and the Action Committee. The address on the web is: <http://www.state.ri.us/dem/central/index.htm>.
- On December 13, 1999, DEM issued a letter to RIRRC emphasizing the regulatory closure requirements and timelines that must be met to implement final closure in Phases II and III. Cap construction drawings are due by January 7, 2000.